•	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/786,056	TOKAI ET AL.
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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-8,14 and 15</u> .		
3. ☑ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C: § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) ☑ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:		
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.		
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5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.		
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached		
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Reginald Lucas on 6/06/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 6, --an image-- has been inserted immediately following "displaying" and before "and".

In claim 1, line 6, "selectively displaying" has been replaced with --selectively activating-

In claim 1, line 9, "potion" has been replaced with --portion--.

Nonelected claims 9-13 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 and 14-15 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest:

• A gas discharge tube, comprising a tubular body having a recess portion formed on an external surface thereof, wherein an entireness of a address electrode is placed thoroughly inside the recess portion, and a plurality of pairs of sustain

electrodes are formed on the external surface of the tubular body at a position opposite to the recess portion, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in claim 3 (claims 2-8 are allowable for the same reasons since they are dependent on claim 1);

• A display apparatus in which a plurality of gas-discharge tubes are arranged parallel to each other, and wherein a recess portion is formed on an external surface of the tubular bodies with a first electrode placed in the recess portion of and the inner surface of the portion of said tubular body, where the recess portion is formed, has a protrusion portion toward the inside, and a member on which phosphor is arranged is placed at the inner surface of the portion on the protrusion, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in claim 14 (claim 15 is allowable for the same reasons since it is dependent on claim 14).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Anthony Perry* whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2459**. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 9:00AM to 5:30PM Monday thru Friday.

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